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**CALFED Bay-Delta Program**

Dear Mr. Rey:

This letter serves as a protest to the "No Funding Recommendation" by the Selection Panel for the CALFED Bay-Delta 2002 Eco System Restoration (ERP) Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP). The comments made in the various reviews are internally inconsistent, conflict with stated goals and objectives for improving habitat and fish passage for spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead trout in Big Chico Creek and ignore the priority for restoring geomorphic processes in stream and riparian corridors.

Of particular concern are comments in the summary rating by the Research and Restoration Technical Review Panel. The Panel comments that "Failure to provide details of current limitations to migration . . . and details of salmonid use upstream weakens justification". This directly conflicts with comments by the Sacramento Regional Review which state "The panel ranked the proposal high based upon integration with previous and ongoing restoration actions". The Sacramento Regional Review Panel goes on to state that the "Proposal addresses Restoration Priorities for the Sacramento Region #2, "Restore fish habitat and fish passage, particularly for spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead trout and conduct fish studies," and #4, "Restore geomorphic processes in stream and riparian corridors."

The Research and Restoration Technical Panel Review indicates that "Eventual removal of an official swimming pool in a live stream is likely (for many reasons) so benefits may be of short duration." This comment is not consistent with past work to ensure water quality standards, improvements for fish passage and actions to reduce downstream turbidity. There is no information in any of the reviews that indicate what "for many reasons" means. The Panel goes to indicate "Given such eventuality (sic) of replacing the use of the stream with a municipal pool and uncertain measurement of biological benefits the proposed project may not be the best use of CalFed funds." There is only conceptual discussion taking place regarding closing one municipal pool, which is in close proximity to the One Mile Recreation Area, and perhaps building another at a location a considerable distance from the One Mile Recreation Area. To suggest even a remote relationship is inaccurate and has little, if any, relationship to the proposed project.

Based on the above, I respectfully request a complete review of the selection process and method by which funding selections are being recommended.

Sincerely,



Dennis Beardsley  
Park Director

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